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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Jamaican Special Branch Report -
Jamaica/United States Black Power Ties

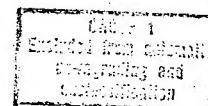
1. Pertinent items from the Jamaican Special Branch monthly report for April 1968, which contains several references to ties between Black Power groups in Jamaica and the United States, are provided, in full, below. A summary of the report, omitting portions concerning the United States or United States citizens, has been disseminated in CS-311/06459-68, a copy of which is attached.

2. The items of possible interest, omitted from the dissemination, are noted below:

a. During April 1968, four meetings of the Wilson faction of the Nation of Islam (NOI) were held. On 3 April, Percy Hayles, the boxer, said that he was impressed with the doctrine and had written to Elijah Mohammed asking for a scholarship to enable him to study in one of the Islam Universities in the United States. Errol Levy said that only a revolution could end the white man's practice of robbing the black people of everything.

b. At the meeting on 24 April, Cecil (Prince Buster) Campbell stated that the premises on 47 Charles Street in Kingston belonged to him and he was willing for it to be used for the assistance of the black race. He called for unity among black people and said that his organization was fighting to rule Jamaica. He told members that they should be prepared to meet the Reverend Sherriffe (aka Thomas View) who would soon be visiting the Island.

c. On the 5th and 8th of April, discussions were held led by George Vassel, leader of the Young Socialist

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League and a member of the Jamaican (Caribbean) Workers Movement, on the possibility of holding demonstrations at the American Embassy in Kingston to protest against the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. Vassel claimed that there was a United States citizen hiding in Jamaica to escape the draft who had in his possession recordings of speeches made by the late Malcolm X during 1964. One of these was entitled "The Ballot or Bullets". He stated that King's death disproved his theory of non-violence and was bringing into prominence men like Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown.

d. During April, about 40 persons including Winston Monroe, Joseph Christie, Roy Jeffrey, Leonard Solomon and one Ny Survad, who is the American draft escapee referred to in Paragraph c. above, met at 29 Fourth Street, Trench Town (Dallas Corner), where Survad, identified as a Black Muslim and a member of the Black Power Movement (BPM), answered questions put to him by the gathering. It was understood that Survad was in Jamaica to solicit support for the BPM in the United States as well as to establish a branch here. The record "The Ballot or Bullets" was played by Survad and recorded by Monroe.

e. Survad accepted George Myers' invitation to attend a get-together which he was arranging in Savannah-Mar on 11 May, and to spend a week or two with him there. They discussed the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and the BPM, and it was suggested that a local Steering Committee should be appointed to consider the formation of a group in Jamaica.

f. () Comment: Survad has subsequently been identified as John Davis, aka Selvyn Grey, a member of CORE and the Black Muslims. He is in touch with Rastafarians at Kintyre, and the leaders of the Viking and Spade Gangs. He is expecting to meet one Corporal James, aka "Jimmy" of the Jamaica Defence Force, who is said to have complained that he was deprived of promotion because of his views. Arrangements were also being made for him to meet Walter Rodney of the University of the West Indies. Survad has stated

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that if given the chance he would, within eighteen months, stage a demonstration. He has suggested that if his colleagues can supply marijuana and find a way to export it, he could guarantee an outlet in the United States and the money thus obtained could be used to finance the local Movement. Survad was being supported by his girlfriend, Bernadine Houston, who was expected to arrive from the United States towards the end of the ensuing month. He is now in straitened circumstances.)

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